

Done at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of August 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service's (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 10, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn W. Dotson, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., STOP 1524, Room 0227 South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250-1524. Telephone: (202) 720-1928. FAX: (202) 690-2268.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Financial Requirements and Expenditure Statement, Electric.

OMB Control Number: 0572-0015.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This collection is necessary to comply with the applicable provisions of the RUS loan contract. Borrowers submit requisitions to RUS for funds for projects costs incurred. Insured loan funds will be advanced only for projects which are included in the RUS approved borrower's construction workplan or approved amendment and in an approved loan, as amended. The process of loan advances establishes the beginning of the audit trail of the use of loan funds which is required for subsequent RUS compliance audits.

The Form 595 is used as a requisition for advances of funds. The form helps to assure that loan funds are advanced only for the budget purposes and amounts approved by RUS. According to the applicable provisions of the RUS loan contract, borrowers must certify with each request for funds to be

approved for advance, that such funds are for projects previously approved.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11 hours per response.

Respondents: Small business or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 880.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 3.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 29,040.

Copies of this information collection, and related form and instructions, can be obtained from Carolyn W. Dotson, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, at (202) 720-1928.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether this proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments may be sent to F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Director, Program Support and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, STOP 1522, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-1522. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 28, 1997.

Wally Beyer,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 30, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The VMS Committee will hold a meeting to discuss and formulate recommendations for the Council to consider at its 94th meeting to be held in November 1997. The VMS committee plans to discuss Hawaii longline VMS Data confidentiality, VMS data for fisheries research, future direction of the VMS program, and consider other business as required.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Committee action during this meeting. Committee action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and